

Thurston, AFT Confront Board

AFT Urges Full-Time Negotiations

By ALBERT AROUH
City Editor

"Upset" that negotiations for a new contract have stalled between representatives from both the District and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Virginia Mulrooney, Guild Executive Secretary, spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting Nov. 17 and urged the board to release members of both negotiating committees "full time."

In her speech, Mulrooney touched on some of the issues being discussed, and stressed that time is of the essence. "The issues before us: grievance procedures, faculty rights, faculty load, class size, curriculum, evaluation, and salary are the core issues," explained Mulrooney. "At the rate we are proceeding, those issues would take four months at the table. Neither one of us has four more months," she concluded.

Recently, when contacted Mulrooney said that the board has done nothing yet in regards to her proposal. "To date," explained Mulrooney to the board, "the negotiating committee, one for the Trustees and one for the Union, have met on 36 occasions for a grand total of 127 hours and we have still not produced a contract."

Before Mulrooney made her speech to the board, concerned faculty from the various community colleges in the district marched in front of the district building, in downtown Los Angeles.

A majority of the marchers were holding signs that poked fun at AFT representative Dr. Arnold Fletcher. "Where is the birthday present, Arnold?" exclaimed one sign in reference to the fact that Nov. 17 was Fletcher's birthday, and it was hoped that a contract between the district

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WHERE'S THE BABY?—Concerned faculty from the nine community colleges are shown displaying signs at the board's last meeting that poked fun at AFT representative Arnold Fletcher who promised a contract with the Board (the baby on the sign) by his birthday.
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PRESENTATION—Alice J. Thurston, VC President, is shown during her speech to the Board of Trustees in which she told of Valley College's accomplishments, and plans for the future.
Star Photo by Harry Fisher

Thurston Discusses VC's Future

By ALBERT AROUH
City Editor

Valley College President Alice J. Thurston extolled the virtues of Valley College to the Board of Trustees in her speech to the district on Nov. 17, and then made suggestions to the board in regards to Valley's long-range funding needs.

"Valley College is increasingly responsive to the changing educational needs of our student population which now includes more women, older students, minorities, handicapped students, those for whom English is a second language, and students who are initially ill-prepared for college-level study," commented Thurston.

Thurston also told the board that once the Cultural Arts Center is completed, Valley's next major building should be a centrally-located learning resources center to house the library and provide facilities for media preparation, a center for reading, writing, and basic skills.

"It should be an aesthetically pleasing and functional building which would provide space for reading, listening, group study, and other activities," said Thurston.

But before the Resources Center can get underway, the Cultural Arts Center must first be completed, and, according to John Donohue, A.S. president, the Arts Center appears to be in a state of "limbo."

"From what I understand," said Donohue, "the broadcasting department seems confident the Cultural Arts Center should get underway in about a year, but Thurston seems to be unsure."

Thurston mainly spoke about Valley's accomplishments, such as the senior citizens program, and how the

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TAKEOVER LITTLE THREAT

Thurston Says A.S.O. Will Survive

Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of articles dealing with the district takeover.

By KELLEY TABOR
and RANDY KEYES
Staff Writer

Valley College President, Dr. Alice Thurston, believes that the Associated Students Organization will survive after the district takes away co-curricular funding from it, "Depending on how well it gets its act together," she said.

Thurston addressed herself to the worry of certain officers of the A.S., that the student organization might very well belly-up in the future because of lost revenue from their main money source, the bookstore, as well as other various A.S. sponsored co-curricular activities.

While saying that A.S. must define its new role, Thurston said, "A.S. funds are going to be needed to support anything in the way of extra-curricular activities."

She explained, for example, that there is no money in the new district budget for any clubs, free legal aid or any other special A.S. projects.

The college president then expressed her hope that students will continue to purchase paid I.D. cards because an amply funded A.S. will make an "exciting margin of difference."

Overall, Thurston believes only time

will tell whether the district takeover of co-curricular funding from the A.S. will be successful.

"I think we'll all be in a better position to know in six months or a year," she said. "Right now there are a lot of unanswered questions as to how precisely this is all going to work out."

She explained that the main problems currently are those of implementation.

Thurston also believes the theory of the district taking over the funding from the A.S. is a sound one. "The new method of co-curricular funding will assure us of at least a minimum level of funding for co-curricular activities. It will stabilize things because of the unreliability of such things as bookstore and I.D. sales."

In another related area, she acknowledged that one of the main

problems concerning the takeover is the delay in ordering equipment and supplies for the spring semester, due to the district's lack of planning acquisition procedures for various affected departments to follow.

"We have quite a backlog of things that have to be ordered right away," Thurston said, and vowed to work with the district to help resolve the problem.

College Policies Not Enforced Says VC Standards Committee

By MICHAEL GOULD
Assoc. City Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles dealing with the Valley College Committee on Academic Standards and the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Committee on Academic Standards.

Many college policies on academic standards have not been enforced at Valley College for the last two to five years, according to the recently completed report by Valley's Academic Standards Committee.

Placement testing, which in the past was required of all entering freshmen, has not been mandatory since 1974, and according to the report, this has resulted in numerous problems.

"The greatest concern of the faculty," said Maryamber Villa, chairwoman of the committee, "is that the lowering of academic standards is destructive to the best interest of the students."

Valley's committee was formed when the chancellor of the LACCD ordered a district-wide study of the problem in response to the nationwide publicity and criticism that educational institutions in this country have received about declining academic standards.

Each of the nine colleges in the LACCD was asked to organize a committee that would review their

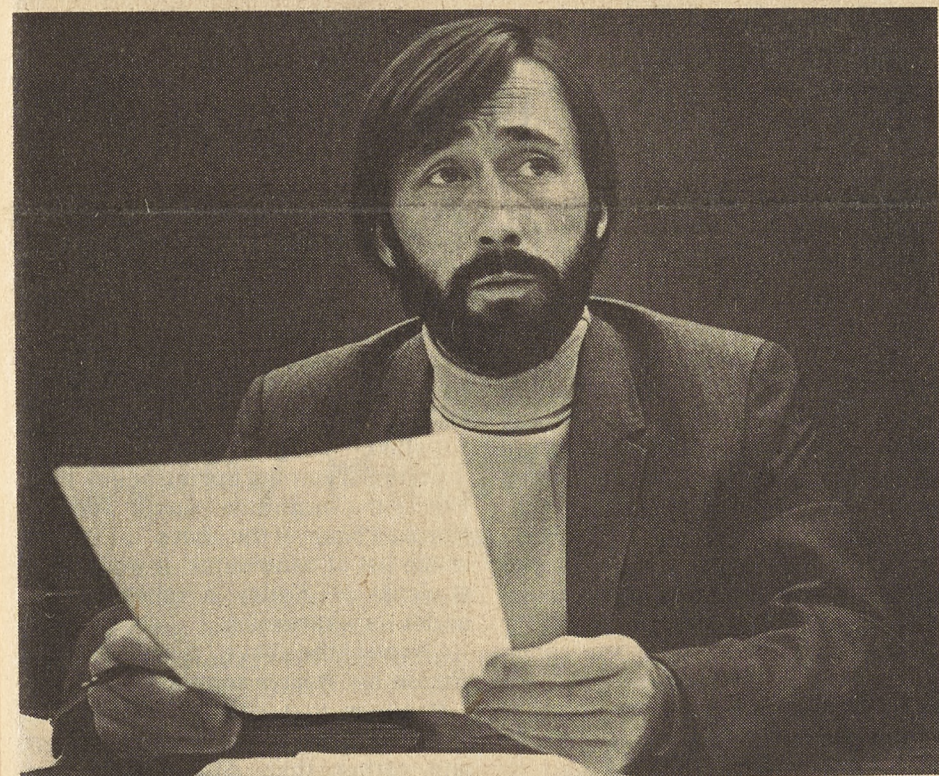
college's catalog policy on standards, and report on the present practices of the school and their effects to a district committee made up of representatives from each of the colleges.

The campus committees were also asked to make recommendations to the district committee regarding students entering the college, students attending, and graduating students.

In the report, which had been forwarded to the district committee, the problems which resulted from not enforcing academic policy kept popping up.

According to the report, when

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NEW REPRESENTATIVE—John Donohue, A.S. president, has just been named to be a representative of California Community Colleges Student Government Association. His job will be to help represent the voice of the students to the Board of Trustees.
Star Photo by David Krushell

Bill Gives Students More Representation

By GERALD SITSER
Staff Writer

A greater involvement by students in community college government is the goal of a new assembly bill that places a student representative on the governing boards for California's 107 community colleges.

John Donohue, Associated Students President of Valley College, has been selected by the local Board of Trustees to represent the district's students on the board of Area IV, a conglomerate of nine Los Angeles junior colleges that includes Valley. The student body president of College of the Redwoods Rich Gros de Mange has been appointed by the governor of California to sit on the State Board of Governors for community colleges.

The state representative is nominated by the California Community Colleges Student Government Association (CCCSGA) prior to appointment by the governor. The local representative is nominated and appointed by the Board of Trustees.

AB 591 is sponsored by Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, 23rd district, who chairs the Assembly Higher Education Committee. Passage of the bill came last in September, providing for a student to be seated on the Board of Trustees for each district along with one representative for all the districts to be seated on the state board. The students report directly from the boards to the

CCCSGA while returning to the boards to present the students' views and ideas.

Due to late passage of the bill by several months, these seats will not be filled until Jan. 1 of next year. Thereafter, the students will assume their positions on Oct. 15 to serve a one-year term. The state representative is filling a seat to be vacated by one of the present 15 board members on New Year's Day. The local representative to Area IV, however, will not sit on the board until later in July, serving for the interim as a "resource" to the Board of Trustees, according to Donohue.

The state representative is granted all the rights and privileges of the regular Board of Governors members. But the local representative lost both the right to vote and to attend executive council meetings due to amendments influenced by pressure from local Boards of Trustees. The executive meetings, though, "deal mostly with problems of personnel not relating to students," says Rosalyn Elms, special consultant to Vasconcellos. "Since," she adds, "the student can't be held personally liable, they must lose out on some of the privileges."

"Nonetheless," states David Rosenberg, assistant appointment

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Jews Honor Culture, Faith

By GERALD SITSER
Staff Writer

With Hanukkah less than a week away, Dec. 5 to Dec. 12, the Jewish Organizations on the Valley College campus will be sponsoring Jewish Awareness Week starting on Monday with a soulful program of films, seminars, and celebration.

"All the programs flow from the self-respect of Jewish students and faculty on this campus," says Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein, director of the Hillel Council at Valley College. "Hanukkah," he explains, "is the Jewish holiday which teaches me to treasure my existence as an ethnic minority."

An estimated 2,000 to 3,000 people will share in the wealth of Jewish history, art, and culture during the five days. Highlighting the week is a talk by Ambassador Zvi Brosh, Consul General of Israel, on "Israel's Quest for Peace" Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall. Earlier that day at 9 a.m. Farrel Broslawsky, professor of

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JUST ACTING THEIR AGE—David Whitelaw, A.S. vice-president, (right) showers two IOC (Inter-organizational council) members with water during a staged pie fight in the cafeteria to attract attention for the next IOC meeting.
Star Photo by Tom Nerken

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STAR EDITORIAL

Court Decision 'Screwed'

We believe the Kansas City federal court made a mistake when they declared a mistrial last week in the obscenity trial of Al Goldstein, publisher of "Smut" and "Screw" magazines.

Instead, they should have declared the trial the travesty of justice that it is. Then the First Amendment could rise above the trash pile of a judicial system, where a case such as this should never have been in the first place.

Goldstein was originally charged last year in Wichita with illegally mailing into Kansas 11 copies of the allegedly obscene magazines. He was convicted, but the verdict was overturned because of "prosecutorial misconduct."

The reason stems from the fact that the U.S. postal inspectors in Wichita had subscribed to the pornographic publications using false names, in order to obtain a federal indictment against the publisher, whose product would not otherwise have been sold on the stands in that state.

Not only does this reek of entrapment, but it has caused problems for the prosecution, which apparently refuses to give up.

In 1973 the Supreme Court set down the most ambiguous ruling ever on obscenity. The Court

established guidelines for determining what is legally obscene. Their criteria of "community standards" has allowed for arbitrary application of the law and judicial inconsistency.

This means that "Screw" and "Smut" are legal in New York, where they are published, but illegal in Kansas.

Former Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas wrote in his dissenting opinion, "Every author, every bookseller, every movie exhibitor, and perhaps every librarian is now at the mercy of the local police force's conception of what appeals to 'prurient interest' or is 'patently offensive.' The standards can vary from town to town and day to day in an unpredictable fashion.

"How," wrote Douglas, "can a bookseller or librarian know whether the community deems his books acceptable until after the jury renders its verdict?"

The answer is they can't, and this concept of legislating morals is appalling.

Government should not be in the business of telling adults what they can read or see, even if other adults find the books, magazines, and movies offensive.



REFLECTIONS

Vultures Circle Presley's Grave with \$\$\$\$\$\$ in Eyes

By JIM BOLAND

Editor-in-Chief

Vultures usually circle slowly before swooping down on the carcasses they prey upon. At least that is the practice of feathered vultures. The human kind works in a much speedier fashion.

No sooner does a celebrity die than thousands of these vultures of the Homo sapien type come out from the four corners of the Earth to make a killing off the public's desire to hang on to the memory of their fallen demagogues.

It is nothing new for death to serve as an economic booster. War has put many nation's faltering treasuries in the black. But, when the parasitic Madison Avenue types capitalize on the death of a specific individual, it seems to enhance the vulgarity of this.

Obviously the case I'm referring to is the death of Elvis Presley. Ever since his premature death it has been nothing but ELVIS, ELVIS, ELVIS.

Before his body was cold the airwaves were flooded with ads for Elvis' Greatest Hits Volumes one through a thousand.

T-shirts, posters, and books containing the "exclusive true story" of Elvis' life flooded the market as their producers hoped to get their piece of the pie.

The biggest group of bloodsuckers are the boys, girls, and other assorted social misfits employed by the National Enquirer and the similar

pseudo-national newspapers.

They claim to have the last Elvis photo, the last exclusive interview, and if you asked them they would probably claim to have authentic tape recordings of his last words.

While I try to convince myself that this dribble is not taken seriously, I can't ignore the fact that more copies of the Enquirer are read each week than the Washington Post, L.A. Times and N. Y. Times combined. Seven million people a week buy that rag, and it would no doubt be staggering to learn how many people take its reporting as gospel.

Three-thousand mourners standing in the rain to view Elvis' gravesite at the Graceland Mansion is a tribute I suppose the late entertainer would have appreciated. I doubt if having his movies rerun on television until the celluloid disintegrates is the sort of praise a performer would be ecstatic over.

The craze will die out eventually. But with Elvis this could take several years. Then the scandal sheets can get back to the serious issues confronting our society... barring the tragedy of Farrah's hair going straight or Fonzie discovering the dry look.

VIEWPOINT

'None of the Above' Should Be Candidate

By ALBERT AROUH

City Editor

You enter the polling booth for the upcoming A.S.O. elections and read the list of candidates for the various positions. Suddenly you're hit with the realization that none of the candidates appear worthy enough of your vote. What do you do?

Leave it blank? Then it seems you defeat the purpose of being there. Take

the lesser-of-two-evils-attitude and just for vote any of the candidates. But that answer leaves you feeling unsatisfied.

On the upcoming Spring ballot, if the Election Committee would add the Phrase "None of the above" at the end of the list of candidates, it would give students at Valley a much needed outlet for expression.

"None of the above" is such a simple phrase but it says so much.

It states that you feel dissatisfied with the choices for student leaders and rather than compromise your principals by voting for the least incompetent, you'd rather voice your displeasure by not voting for any specific candidate, while at the same time making a statement about how you feel.

There is nothing you could say to an elected official that would put him in his place more than to remind him that, if not a majority, at least a significant amount of people felt that there was not a candidate worthy enough of their confidence, and that "none of the above" got enough attention to warrant their concern.

Concern in regards to any pompous attitudes that might develop from being victorious over their "worthy" opponent or opponents.

"None of the above" is just a gentle reminder that not everybody was pleased with the choice of candidates. When most people enter the polling booth they feel that they must "play the game" and vote for one candidate or another. Most times all that people have to judge these candidates on are brightly colored posters placed on campus, or buttons on the bodies of their fellow students.

None of the above" gives students the chance to say I voted. I participated. But rather than vote for the person with the nicest poster that I don't know anything about, don't know where they stand on the issues, and rather than leave it blank, I choose to express my feelings by voting for "none of the above."

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PERSPECTIVE

Servicemen Forfeit Freedoms

By PATRICK BOWER

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"To support and defend the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

I swore that oath upon entering military service five years ago.

I joined to protect the rights of others. I did not know I would lose mine.

The American serviceman is a second-class citizen, and the sad thing is very few people, unless they actually have experienced what I'm talking about, know anything about it.

After entering active duty I found I was subject to military law the UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) and that I had lost many of the rights guaranteed me under the Constitution of the United States.

For instance, "the right of free speech."

Try and tell an officer what you think of the service, or give input to an assignment. They call it insubordination.

"The right to trial by jury of your peers."

You, if you break military law, are

INSIGHT

Should Our Mentally Ill Have Rights?

By HUNTER LOWRY

Assoc. News Editor

Should intelligence be a factor in determining where a person can live? Is institutionalization to be the only treatment for mental retardation?

These questions are under examination in Boston where the state is attempting to move four retarded children into a house in a suburban neighborhood despite protests from residents.

Five of the residents of the neighborhood have gone to court in an attempt to stop the action.

"Property values will fall," one says. "Some of them may be sexually aggressive."

It's a pity that in these supposedly "enlightened" times, the fear of the mentally retarded still can keep them from living more normal lives.

Four retarded persons already live in the controversial home under a ruling by the Boston Zoning Appeals Board, and they commute daily by cab to two neighborhood public schools for special classes daily.

Roberta Rosenberg, an educational specialist who runs the home on a grant from the state, feels that her present charges have "improved more than 100 percent" since moving in last July.

There are at least 200 other retarded children and adults in Boston who could benefit from being placed in a community setting instead of an institution.

But as long as people do not realize that the retarded are human beings, not monsters or freaks, they will stand little chance of gaining their rights to freedom, or of co-existing with their society.

tried in most cases via court-martial by a staff of officers with possibly a senior enlisted man on the same staff.

"Freedom from double jeopardy."

If, for instance, you are arrested by the civil authorities for a crime, and consequently spend time in jail for that crime, the time absent from your military post is considered AWOL, absent without leave. And after paying your debt to society, you must turn

around and stand trial for being absent from the military.

Worst of all, no matter what program you enlist under, they, the military, has your life for six years, whether or not all of that six is on active duty.

You are owned by the U.S. government for six years.

I thought Lincoln freed the slaves. I guess not all of them.

INTROSPECT

PUC Proves Hero By Ordering Refund

By ROBERT BROWN

Managing Editor

Just when I begin to think that nobody cares, the Public Utilities Commission appears like a knight in armor.

The PUC has ordered both Pacific and General Telephone companies to refund almost \$344.2 million to their customers in the form of refunds and rate reductions. General, and especially Pacific, are fighting like caged cougars in their attempt to evade the direct order.

The controversy stems from the fact that the companies collected money from their customers for tax purposes, but then never paid the taxes. In 1975 Pacific collected enough money to pay the estimated \$210 million in federal income taxes.

Not only did they not pay the taxes because of tax deferrals, but they received a \$19 million refund from American Telephone & Telegraph, their parent company which owns 90 percent of Pacific's stock.

Pacific feels that where there's a lawyer, there's a way out of messes. They are going to the IRS to try and persuade them that what they did was legal. Then they're going to go to the California Supreme Court and try to override the order.

It's doubtful whether they will win in

the court. It was the California Supreme Court which ordered the PUC to come up with some way in which the consumer could benefit from Pacific and General not paying taxes.

In any case, while it may have taken the PUC a while to do it, they have finally done their job. They have made an attempt to protect the consumer.

COMMENTARY

American's Problem: Ignoring Them

By SHERYL RABOY

News Editor

America, you're unbelievable.

The most controversial subjects can be brought to your attention, and you forget about them in a matter of months, even though they still pose an unseen, yet active threat to our society.

Who cares, anyway, right?

Sun Myung Moon has faded into the sunset—for the time being.

The Arab-Israeli-PLO conflict appears to be disintegrating; is peace between them around the corner? We hope so.

"Cancer-causing" saccharin, oil-slicked beaches, and the suspected

sabotage of oil tankers were in the spotlight once, but are now "forgotten."

All but one issue seems to have kept afloat on the murky waters of the political ocean.

What? All these were politically-motivated?

Of course. Reverend Moon and his boasted following of more than 537,000 people world-wide have no small intentions.

Do you think he's going to stop there?

GOVERNMENT CONTROL, that's what he wants.

But who hears about him anymore?

And all the ruckus about the banning

CONVERSATION

One Day Provides Infinite Memories

By LISA RECHETNIK

Assoc. Fine Arts

Just one day...

Leftover Thanksgiving memories: my first turkey, which, although it turned out delicious, we hadn't been able to wait until it was done to eat and so had filled up on salad. It'll be turkey sandwiches until Christmas.

A beautiful, strong, gusty, gutsy

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from Valley College students and citizens of the surrounding community.

Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, or may be presented in person to the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by noon Monday for the following Thursday.

Letters should be typewritten with a maximum length of 350-400 words. They may be edited for length or conciseness. All letters should be signed, and students should state their majors. Names will be withheld upon request.

wind, enough to bring either an exquisite joy or an equally exquisite nostalgic pain with every breath, so you know you're breathing, thrillingly alive, that knocks knock-knocks off shelves as it wooshes through my apartment.

While reading—a phone call from mom—we're both fine, love you too—and a period of reflection on what Mother, the abstract, the ideal, means, and how much more importance, how much more impact the Mother, the actual, corporeal, has—and how one's perspective of her, feelings toward her, changes with time.

A quick drive to the market—AM radio plays Elvis more often now than before, perhaps because the only new form of rock 'n' roll—punk rock—is too harsh for regular airplay. But it's Sunday, so for two hours one can indulge with Rodney Bingenheimer's show on KROQ—a weekly fix.

Browsing the magazine stand, wondering if the man at the checkout

counter looking at me is the Glendale Grabber — Please, no! — relieved because he's with a woman (his next victim? No; they're chatting like old friends. Besides, this is North Hollywood.), but noticing the alarm I still feel even after returning home and bolting the door.

The Miss World Pagaent on T.V.—my roommate and I cast our alliances with the refreshing, natural, youthful Miss Denmark, and conclude that the judges must have been afraid of betraying their Lolita fixations and so denied the 16-year-old beauty even the position of one of the seven semi-finalists.

Just one day...

Not over yet: there's more to do, more to ponder.

To paraphrase Albert Camus: "So I learned that even after a single day's experience of the outside world one could easily live a hundred years in prison. He'd have laid up enough memories never to be bored."

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Education: Key To Understanding

By GLORIA BEVERAGE
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles dealing with worldwide problems and how professors at Valley view the situation.

"Busing school children is a waste of money," charges David Horn, instructor in Valley College's Black Studies Program.

Horn and Miriam Pouncy, another instructor in the program, voiced their opinions on school busing, integration and affirmative action programs in a recent interview.

"Busing is not the issue," Horn believes. "People's attitudes will improve only if educational facilities are improved."

Pouncy agrees, saying, "The only thing that is going to make any difference is quality education. The schools in the inner-city have not gotten their fair share of materials or good teachers."

"Parents must get involved in the education of their children," believes Pouncy. "Because we live in a multi-culture society, it is imperative we understand each other. If we are to be productive citizens, a well-rounded education should start at an early age."

"Children will find a way of communicating if parents will only get out of the way," Horn states. "Parents must let kids work out their own problems."

Affirmative Action Programs currently being implemented are over-compensation for prejudices, Horn believes. "However," he explains, "there is a gap between Blacks and Whites which is so great that you have to over-compensate in order to even start playing on the same ball field."

Pouncy adds, "Generally, Blacks have spent more time trying to understand Whites than the Whites have tried to understand Blacks."

"The White person may be

empathetic, but he has not experienced what it is like to be Black," Pouncy explains. "Little things in everyday situations make it difficult."

Pouncy went on to describe a recent incident at Valley College. She was confronted by a White woman in the Faculty lounge and asked "Why are you here? Don't you realize this is for teachers?"

The woman explained she thought Pouncy was a student. However, Pouncy feels it was her color, rather than her age that prompted the confrontation.

Pouncy and Horn believe their experiences can be of benefit to all students at Valley College.

"White students should be exposed to Blacks," Pouncy feels. "They can benefit from my experiences of being Black and growing up in the south."

Horn says, "We have a different frame of reference from other teachers here. Ours is a unique interpretation of the same life that everybody else has to deal with."

"Black Studies Programs, just because they exist do not raise the consciousness of people," he explains. "I am not an advocate of the programs per se. Most of the programs are set up as pacifiers. It depends upon the program and the people involved."

Both Horn and Pouncy advocate a multi-ethnic class which would expose students to various sub-cultures. "You can't relate to people unless you understand their sub-culture," states Pouncy.

Horn hopes Black studies will continue to expand. "Unfortunately, the motivation and pressure to improve ethnic programs is lacking."

"And yet," Pouncy explains, "Black Americans feel the United States is their home. There is no point in returning to Africa. We have done too much to help build this country and have made this our home."



OPPOSING BUSING—Black studies instructor, Miriam Pouncy, talks about issues that affect Blacks as well as Whites. She believes that providing inner-city schools with their fair share of good teachers is a better solution than busing. She also believes that parents are a key to the education of their children.

Star Photo by David Krushell

GET THE POINT?—David Horn, an instructor in Black Studies, expresses his point of view on the issues of integration and affirmative action programs, and advocates more understanding and relating between the cultures.

Star Photo by David Krushell

What's Happening

Benefit Canceled

The TAE-sponsored benefit, featuring Seals and Crofts, among other personalities, is canceled due to a promotional tour of their album, which will be released the same day.

Talent Show Try-Outs

Spirit Club is sponsoring a talent show, and all those wishing to enter, should leave their name, number, and hours they can be reached in Spirit Club's box in CC 102. It is requested that all parties interested in trying out attend a meeting in CC 208 on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m.

Freethought Discussion

"Why I Am An Atheist" (Part I) a taped presentation by Madalyn Murray O'Hair, will be the subject of an Athusoc-sponsored discussion, Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. near the flag-pole in Monarch Square. Your right to disagree will be respected. For more info, please call Rob Myers, 787-4877, or write him at P. O. Box 44111, Panorama City, Ca. 91412. For the Rights of Man, Part II of this presentation will be the following Wednesday, Dec. 14, same time and place.

ONE STUDENT APPLIES

Minority Talent Roster: Apathy Hinders Purpose

By SHERYL RABOY
News Editor

In response to recent announcements calling for candidates for the 1978 Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Community College Graduates, only one person at Valley College bothered to apply.

The roster offers no financial help per se, but since the list is circulated to the financial aids offices at many four-year institutions, the burden of finding funds to support oneself through college has been partially lifted off the students' shoulders.

"We've had very few applicants during the years that this service has been in effect," commented Jeanne Pons, co-coordinator of financial aids at Valley.

"I think the biggest reason is student apathy, along with the problem of getting the information about the roster to the students," she said.

Although the deadline for turning in applications is past, students can plan for next year, application time being in early November.

The only information required about the student basically is, ethnicity, grade-point-average (GPA), citizenship status, and date of graduation from the community college, along with an official transcript and list of courses the student is presently enrolled in.

Concerning the minimum GPA of 2.5, Pons attributed the reason for this

low number to the facts that students might be involved in community or school activities, which could take up a lot of the students' time.

The basic factor Pons looks for when receiving an application is some sort of sign indicating the student's good chance for success in a higher institution.

The minority roster has ethnic limits, in that it only encompasses Black Americans, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, and American Indians.

"Orientals are not included in this roster because they are in the majority of community college students."

"However, applications for a State Scholarship that is available to all students, are now available in the Financial Aids Office, but applications cannot be mailed before January 1, 1978," mentioned Pons.

"I believe it's a very friendly place," she continued, "with many activities and facilities including the Learning Center, Computer Center, S.H.E. Center and Reading Center."

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New Slogan Hoped To Boost Enrollment

By SHARON KLAPPER
Staff Writer

"Tell a friend about Valley College," is the current approach which was designed by Valley College President, Dr. Alice Thurston, to help stimulate enrollment, related Austin Conover, public information officer at Valley.

"One of the basic ideas behind this avenue of approach is to inform both the community and prospective students what Valley is all about," said Conover.

Thurston commented, "When we went out into the community, one lady thought Valley College was like a dungeon, while another thought it was a dairy!"

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college into nine different communities.

"Most of these methods of recruitment have been used before, with the exception of three, one being the 'tell a friend' slogan explained Conover."

Another method is the in-depth research project of the community members within a one-half mile radius of the campus (including Burbank, North Hollywood, and Sherman Oaks.)

"Researchers talked to campus neighbors last Friday and Saturday to find out the community's needs, and inform them about Valley College," he stated.

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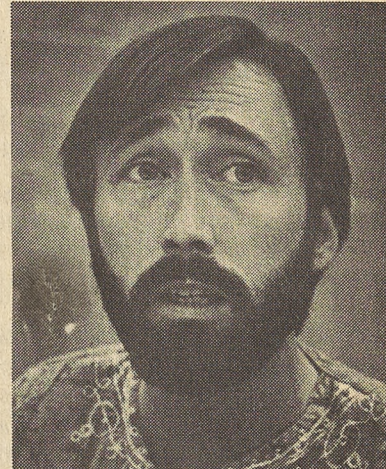
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GET OFF MY BACK—Monarch grappler Ken Davis takes week's match, in which Valley pulled off a 26-24 victory on an unidentified Ventura College opponent in last

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DEFEAT CAL TECH 4-3, CSUN 8-2

Icemen Take First in SCCHA

By JEFF SCHULTZ
and JOE LOVELL
Staff Writers

In only their first year in the league, Valley's ice hockey team has glided to a 4-1-1 record, and control of first place in the Southern California Collegiate Hockey Association, "B" Division.

After defeating California Technical College 4-3, on Sunday night, the Monarchs crushed Cal State Northridge, 8-2, last Monday evening.

Goals by Rob Walker and Tom Basile within a four-minute span of the third period sparked Valley to the victory over Cal Tech at the Pasadena Ice Rink. Walker and Basile also scored the other two Monarch goals, Walker tying the game at 1-1 in the first period, and Basile giving Valley a 2-1 lead early in the second.

Player-coach Gerry Feher is expect-

ing help running the bench during the games from another hockey coach, whose Midget team (14-16 year olds), has a 10-0 record.

"It's really bad when the guy that we have working behind the bench sends out the wrong line at the wrong time," explained Feher.

Valley overcame problems on the bench to dominate a good Northridge team at Laurel Plaza, out-hitting and out-skating the Matadores.

CSUN could not manage a score until 10 minutes had passed in the final period, and that was a power-play goal while Mike Moline was sitting out a roughing penalty. Their other goal was also a power-play score, coming 23 seconds after Wayne Gustavson was called for tripping, closing Valley's lead to 5-2.

With a vocal crowd egging them on,

the Monarchs responded with three short-handed goals in the last five minutes of the game, all scored as a result of Ron O'Brien's stick work.

Zig-zagging up the ice, O'Brien put in an unassisted goal with 4:40 left, and then set up Basile 18 seconds later for another, both scores coming when Valley had only four skaters on the ice.

Jeff Rector took a pass from O'Brien and drove the puck into the net to record the Monarch's last score, and third short-handed goal, coming with 1:25 remaining on the clock.

Next Wednesday, December 7, Valley will travel to Costa Mesa to

Valley Star Sports

battle UC Irvine, at 11 p.m., and will face second-place Pierce on January 9, 10:30 p.m. at Laurel Plaza.

The Monarchs hope to avenge an earlier 8-1 loss at the hands of the Brahmas, the only blemish on Valley's record.

"We will have the advantage next time, since we are playing on our ice," said Feher. "Laurel has smaller ice than most rinks, and we are used to playing on it."

Cagers Defeat Fullerton On Last-Second Jumper

By TONI DRAKE
Sports Editor

Forwards are in, quarterbacks are out—Last Saturday evening, the Monarch basketball team resumed the excitement and pressures of pre-season action, as they nipped Fullerton College, 65-63, with only two seconds remaining in the game.

"I have a great team, and no one will blow us out," stated Coach Jim Stephens. "If we keep tight and play on our opponents mistakes, we'll have a good season."

The Monarchs have been asked to participate in the Moorpark College Invitational Dec. 1, 2, and 3, at Moorpark. Tonight's game will begin at 9 p.m., while tomorrow's showdown starts at 3 p.m.

Tipping-off for the Monarchs Nov. 26 was sophomore John McDonough, while Ken Burns (soph), John Downum (soph), Russ Peterson (soph), and John Barnhart (freshman) completed the starting line-up.

Fullerton controlled the first two periods, with strong showings from forward Mark Pepper, who finished with 16 points, and Jim Schultz, who compiled 12.

Although trailing, 46-40 at the half, Valley pulled off a well-deserved comeback and kept the game close throughout the third and fourth periods.

Displaying fine poise and consistency, was Valley prodigy John Barnhart, a product of Burbank High School. He led the Valley cause with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

Not far behind Barnhart, with 18 points, was veteran Steve Scott.

It was Scott's 15 footer that put Valley ahead during the final seconds of play.

VC guard Russ Peterson red-shirted last season due to a leg injury, but opened the 77-78 competition in winning form, compiling 14 points and five assists.

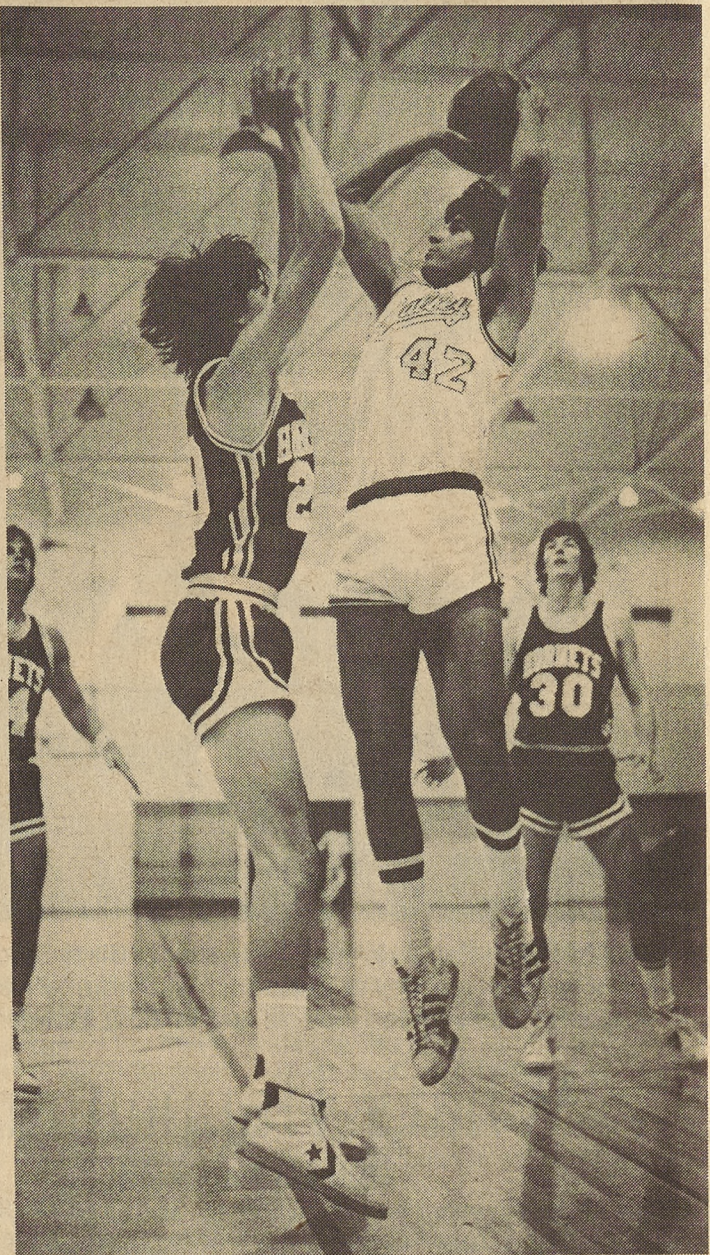
Downum swished in eight points, while Burns contributed three points and four assists. McDonough executed nine rebounds.

"There were many turnovers throughout the evening, but I feel we did pretty well for our first game," commented Stephens.

Depending on how well the Monarchs perform during the

first two games of the Moorpark Tournament determines if VC will go on to the third and final round.

"This may be the toughest tournament of the season because we are meeting with the best in California JC basketball," added Stephens.



ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND—Valley forward John Downum (42) goes for a two point swish, while Fullerton's Harry Heineken (20) attempts to make the block. The Monarchs defeated the Hornets by a slim 65-63 margin last Saturday evening.

Star Photo by Craig Molenhouse

Metro Coaches Select Burkin Athlete of Year

Valley's harriers capped off a fine season with a fifth place finish in the state, led by Kevin Burkin's third place with a time of 19:26.

Burkin, who was named as the Metropolitan Conference Cross Country Athlete of the Year, was only 11 seconds behind the state champ, Tom Holmes of Modesto. Joe Ebner, Mt. SAC's star, was second with a 19:16 clocking.

Four of the top five teams in the state were from the Southern California Championships, led by Grossmont's 68 points for first place. American River was second (78 points), Fullerton third (85), followed by Mt. SAC (88), and Valley (120).

Volleyers Capture Second-Place Following Win Over Bakersfield

By JOE LOVELL
Assoc. Sports Editor

Valley's women's volleyball team captured second-place in the Metropolitan Conference, posting a 9-3 conference record, which included wins in their last two games.

The Monarchs avenged an earlier loss to Bakersfield by defeating the Renegades in three straight games, two weeks ago, by scores of 15-6, 16-14, and 15-10.

Carol Ritchie provided outstanding blocking and net play, and Mary Russell's excellent setting and defensive play made the win look easy.

Pasadena took Valley to a five-game thriller, but the Monarchs refused to give up after losing two of the first three, and came away with the victory.

Valley appeared to ease up after winning the first game 15-9, and wound up losing the next two by 18-16 and 15-10 scores.

With their backs to the wall, the

team accepted the challenge and took a 17-15 verdict in the fourth game, before dispatching the Lancers 15-10 in the finale.

Russell again came up with critical defensive plays, and Terry Groff joined Ritchie at the net to block Pasadena into submission.

Ritchie and Sue Walter were named to the all-Metro second team, and Sandy Seidel was awarded honorable mention.

Walter's all-around solid play has been the framework for many victories this year, especially when the game has been on the line.

Wrestlers Start Fast In Pre-Season Play

By HAL KLEIN
Staff Writer

With the best squad in three years, the Monarch wrestling team tied Antelope Valley 25-25, and squeezed by Ventura and Barstow in the past two weeks.

On Tuesday November 15, the Monarchs faced Antelope Valley, but did not perform up to their capabilities. Valley was fortunate against the Marauders as Rob Weaver, Randy Davis and Ken Davis won by forfeits, which made the score 18-4 in the first four matches.

At 158 pounds Larry Ervin won on a 11-1 decision, and freshman Tom Joseph came through with an 11-9 victory.

VC hosted Ventura on Friday November 18, and came from behind with a 26-24 victory.

Davis tied his match to make the score Pirates 14, Monarchs 2, but they were not to be stopped there, as Ervin pinned Dave Short of Ventura.

It came down to the final match as Jeff Lasager was forced to pin his man for the Monarch's win.

Valley scored 18 consecutive points for the 26-24 victory.

Tuesday November 22, Valley traveled to Barstow, and won their second straight match 27-24. Jim Wrtaza won his first match of his college career.

VC has an impressive record of 2-0-1 in non conference action.

The Monarchs have their work cut out for them this week, as they open up the Metropolitan Conference season against a vastly improved Pasadena Lancer team today at Pasadena at 4 p.m.

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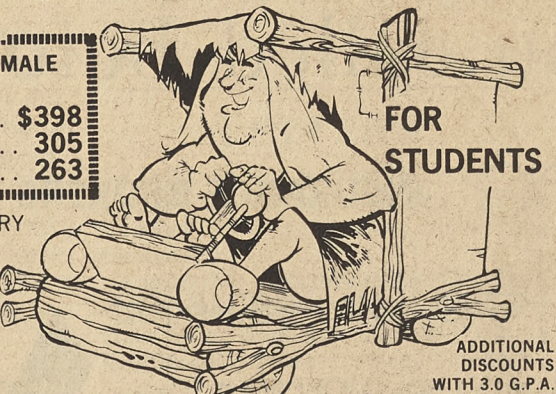
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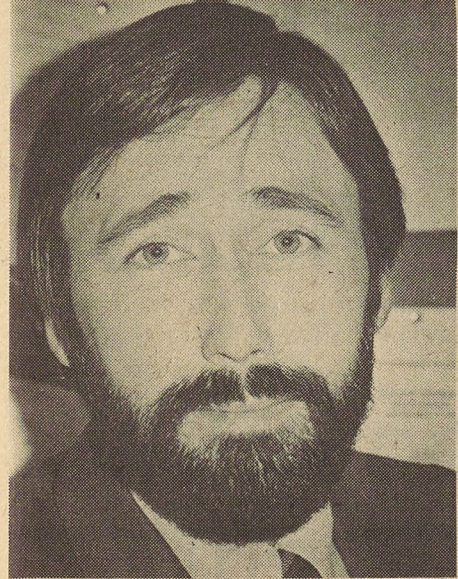
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Candidates Discuss Platforms

Editor's note: Candidates for A.S. President were asked to answer the following questions concerning their platforms. Their answers have been reprinted without editing.

After working on A.S. Council for the past semester how do you view the effectiveness of the organization?

John Donohue, A.S. President: I am somewhat disappointed and somewhat pleased. My main goals of having a comprehensive health plan and improving communications on campus have occurred, though not to the extent I had anticipated. Council still con-



John Donohue

tinued to be a competitive group, but had its moments of working together well. The District funding program has and is taking a lot of time for a program that started three years ago. **Matt Marshall, commissioner of campus improvements:** It is in the letter.

Buzzin' Joe Scardino: The organization had several accomplishments one being Homecoming. During the weeks before the big day it was really nice to see groups of people in the Arcade and making posters. It really did something for Spirit. The Communicate paper seems to be getting more and more feedback returns which are helpful in learning what the students want.

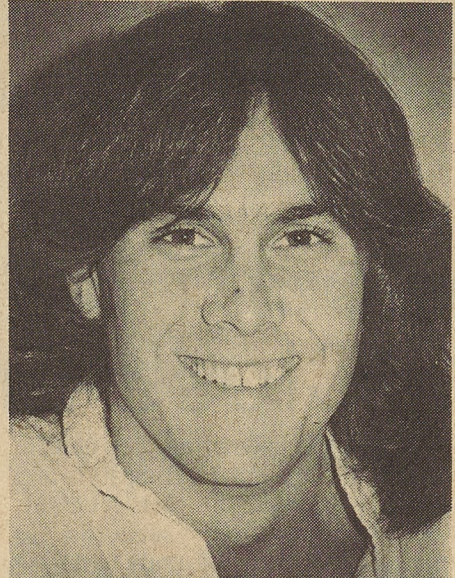
What goals would you like to accomplish and how would you go about achieving them?

Donohue: Associated students must

become much more of a responsible vehicle for our student population. We must truly become the voice of the students, not the voice of a select few. We must be accepted as a viable community college segment on local, district, and state levels. This can be accomplished by bettering our mass communications allowing all students to vote, and encouraging student input by providing results.

Marshall: It is in the letter.

Scardino: An up to date college catalogue is needed. How many times have you gone to a class to find them teaching something other than what the catalogue said? This could be accomplished by working with Dean Lewis. Also I'm working on a com-



Matt Marshall

mittee through the state chancellors office to publish a handbook on students' rights, with emphasis on our right to a quality education and how to insure it.

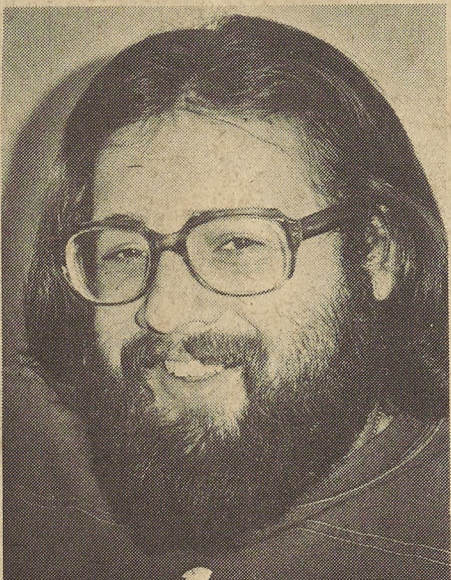
With co-curricular funding fast becoming a reality how will you handle the imminent takeover and what affect do you see it having on A.S.O.?

Donohue: Co-curricular funding will be a reality after winter recess. This is a time that A.S. government must work together to provide for all students.

We need to receive support from the district, they have the control. We do not have a campus health care program due to the District's liability.

We should continue to support the activities we have in the past. Activity card sales may drop, but their will always be a student organization as long as there are those willing to donate their time and efforts.

Marshall: It is in the letter.



Buzzin' Joe Scardino

Scardino: Co-curricular funding began four years ago in Northern California. When it first happened the campuses had a real decline in participation. The only things that put their organizations back into full swing was addressing real issues beginning with insurance of a quality education. Also allowing every student the right to vote but limiting the special discounts and services to paid members to increase participation.

How would you attempt to alleviate student apathy?

Donohue: Involve the student. Not in efforts to be expanded, but by thought involvement. Subjects that the associated students can accomplish are: increased child care, comprehensive health care, environmental improvement and academic input to the faculty and administration. We need students on all departmental committees on campus. Of course increased communications fits here too.

Marshall: It is in the letter.

Scardino: The best way to alleviate student apathy is to address issues of student concern: quality education

and a procedure for students not only to file grievances but a procedure to have something done with legitimate complaints

How would you go about achieving communication between council members?

Donohue: I'm not sure what would improve the interpersonal com-

munications of council members. Speech 32 and Speech 16 courses would surely help, but most council members have major time involvements and extra courses or mini-communication courses don't seem to fit into the majorities schedule. The leadership conference has been our major tool for this, but communications is a continuing learning process.

Marshall: It is in the letter.

Vice-Presidential Candidates Answer Questions on Goals

Candidates for vice-president

What are your goals for the coming semester if you are elected.

Gigi Horowitz: Keep Grant students out of the cafeteria. I have already taken action on this and things are



Gigi Horowitz

rolling. Eliminate the poll tax (the requirement that students have a paid ID to vote). For once I would like to see council members work for students and not themselves.

Robert Pike: Bankrupting programs such as Homecoming need to be eliminated and efforts of student council need to be channeled into issues which are relevant to the citizens of the surrounding community

that enroll for classes on this campus. **Jeff Weisman:** One of my main goals is to promote more student involvement in council I hope to open communication between the students and council by going out and meeting and talking with the students around campus on matters that are before council. This way I will be able to know the students' views on these matters.

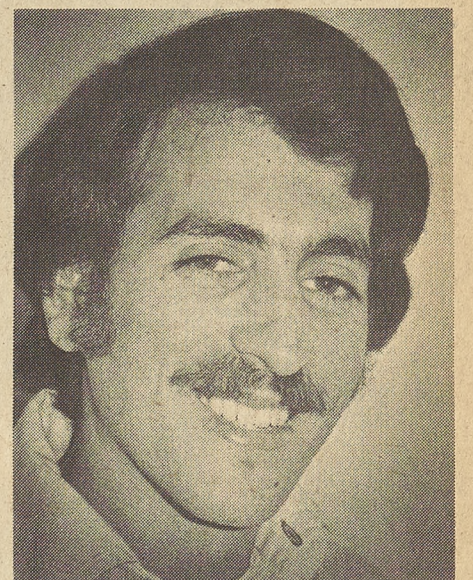


Robert Pike

What would you do to alleviate student apathy?

Horowitz: There is a small amount of apathy. People come to college for different reasons. Some to goof around, some to learn, or to take up time. The average age is 27. Many people have priorities. Mine is school life. Others have children, some have jobs. You are at college to learn. Many

Scardino: As president I would be ex-official to all committees. The problem is committees are formed but never meet, so they never communicate. As ex-official I could make sure meetings come off and jobs that are done have input from more than one person. Also informal gatherings, off campus, have proven across the state to promote communications and working together.



Jeff Weisman

small minority of people who enjoy a social school life.

Pike: My campaign for vice-president will present the types of issues I believe will generate honest concern, hence involvement in and the survival of student government.

Weisman: This goes back to my goal of trying to promote involvement and participation by all students. One problem is the idea of needing a paid ID to participate. It is my belief that this campus belongs to all registered students. I will try to speak to as many students possible to get involved in campus activities.

Jewish Awareness Week

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 3)

history, and Burton Siskin, professor of anthropology, will speak on the background and moral issues of the Middle East conflict, also in Monarch Hall.

"Lupo," an Israeli comedy, will screen in Monarch Hall on Tuesday at 8 p.m. The film will be dubbed into English, and admission, as well as for the entire event, is free.

The daring raid at Entebbe Airport last year by Israeli commandos will be discussed by Allan Levine, professor of psychology, on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Behavioral Science 101. On Monday at noon Rabbi Goldstein and Sydel Pannor, associate professor of sociology, will speak on the problems of intermarriage, in Foreign Language 113.

Celebrations of Hanukkah bring the week's theme to joyous life on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Foreign Language 111. Songs, poetry, and a dreidel game will fill an hour featuring "The World of Sholom Aleichem" by the team of "Zev and Zuck," in reality Professors Zev Garber and Marv Zuckerman of

the Jewish Studies Department.

"Zev and Zuck" strike again to celebrate the triumph of the Macabees and their defense of religious freedom. If you find you can't recite the story of the Macabees, drop in on the festivities Thursday at 8 p.m. in Monarch Hall to share the refreshments and listen to the music of Danny Ben-Ami and the Sabras.

For more information on other programs during the week you can contact Hillel or any of the other sponsoring groups: the Jewish Studies Department, chaired by Garber; the Eta Beta Rho departments scholarship organization; or the Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club, that is new to Valley.

A \$600 grant from ASO will find the entire event. The grant has been given each semester in the past to the commissioner of Jewish Studies, this year Ofer Touboul. "We hope to show the involvement of Judaism in school," says Touboul, who is responsible for organizing the efforts of the sponsoring groups, "and also reveal the heritage of a great nation."



NUTRITION CONSCIOUSNESS—California State Senator Alan Robbins spoke on government's role in nutrition and he emphasized the importance of citizens demanding that government playing a more active role. Nutrition day was held last week at Valley.

Star Photo by John Vanderlip

Nutrition Day Raises Consciousness at VC

By MICHAEL GOULD
Assoc. City Editor

Free apples, speakers, and films, were featured at Valley College's Nutrition Consciousness Raising Day last Tuesday in Monarch Hall and around the campus.

California State Senator Alan Robbins, despite a bad back which has him using a cane, spoke about the government's role in nutrition.

"Government can play two important roles in our nutrition," said Robbins, "and we should not settle for less."

The first and most important role in respect to the contents of the food we eat, is in requiring that the nutritional information be printed on the package. But, said Robbins, government can play a greater role, and we should demand that they do.

Other guests spoke on such subjects as malnutrition, children and nutrition, hypoglycemia, food additives, restaurant eating, and fad diets.

Films were also shown dealing with subjects such as diet and heart attacks, meatless diets, low-fat meat, and the advantages of seafood meals.

"The message is of preventative nutrition," said Ida Jaqua, professor of family and consumer studies, and coordinator of the event.

Jaqua said that we should develop a lifestyle that presupposes that diseases will develop, and do everything to prevent them.

"The American diet is characterized by our over-consumption of calories, fat, especially saturated fat, sugar, and even protein," said Jaqua. "People do not realize that these nutrients are vital to life and yet it is dangerous to consume too much."

Degenerative diseases that afflict Americans today, like heart disease, high blood pressure, atherosclerosis, diabetes, obesity, and even cancer are nutrition related, said Jaqua.

"The tragedy is that these diseases take many years to develop and because people are not aware of these problems they are easy to ignore," said Jaqua.

In the quad was a nutrition information booth where free apples, vegetable bouquet snacks, lemons, and recipes were given out. One of the most popular recipes given out was for lemon ice-ade.

The recipe is:

- 1 large lemon (or 2 medium)
- 1 quart size pitcher
- 2 cups ice cubes (approximately)
1. Wash lemon(s). Slice as thinly as possible. Discard any seeds.
2. Place lemon slices and ice cubes in pitcher. Allow to marinate about 10 minutes. Mix lemon slices and ice cubes two or three times.
3. Fill pitcher with cold water. Mix thoroughly. Allow to chill for another 5 minutes.
4. The lemon ice-ade is now ready to drink. Remember no sugar is needed. Pitcher may be filled with water again and allowed to chill.

This recipe was prepared by Flora Chang, Chinese cooking instructor.

G.I. Education Benefits Increased 6.6 Percent

Monthly payments for veterans going to school under the GI bill were increased by 6.6 percent, retroactive to Oct. 1, when President Carter signed the legislation last Wednesday.

This means the monthly payment to a veteran with no dependents going to school full time will increase from \$292 to \$311. With one dependent, the increase will be from \$347 to \$370, and with two, from \$396 to \$422.

The 6.6 percent increase in monthly education benefits will show up in the Dec. 1 Veterans Administration checks to the 1,455 veterans enrolled at Valley College.

In a written statement Carter said that the "nearly \$25 billion that we have spent under the current GI bill has been an excellent investment in our nation's future."

Also raised by the new law is the ceiling on VA education loans, from \$1,500 to \$2,500 a year in order to help veterans pay climbing tuition costs.

Fireside Room

The Fireside Room, designed to afford students a comfortable place to study and converse amidst a fireside setting, is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Veterans who are continuing their education at Valley are reminded by the vet counselor to fill out new cards in the Veterans Office.

All veterans who exceed 60 units, but who are still interested in staying at Valley, should see the vet counselor.

Planning Center Slates Program

Valley's Career Planning Center will present "Tap Your Potential," a one-day workshop, on Saturday, Dec. 3, beginning at 9 a.m.

Career counselors said the emphasis will be on helping participants assess themselves to determine their need for further education.

Admission is \$8. This includes all materials needed.

Short-term self-improvement programs and certificated programs leading to better jobs will be discussed. Many classes designed for specialized training will be discussed in relation to the job market.

Further information can be obtained at the Career Counseling Center, Bungalow 14, or by phoning the center at 273-6633. Pre-registration is suggested since seating is limited.



VC Writers Can Display Work Through 'Manuscript'

If you feel the need to express yourself through the medium of the printed word, there are several opportunities at Valley College to help you in this noble endeavor.

For those with completed original short stories, poetry, excerpts from novels or plays, or any other form of

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Cash prizes of \$35 and \$15 will be awarded to the writers of the two best poems.

All work must be typed, double-

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The author's name, address, and telephone number should be typed only on the title page. Student identification number should appear in the upper left-hand corner of each page.

Submissions should be limited to a maximum of 1500 words for prose and 50 lines for poetry. Completed works should be left in Humanities 121. Contributors wishing the return of their material should leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

A new section of English 25 has been added to next semester's curriculum that will be devoted to those who are working on longer or experimental fiction.

Writers will be expected to reproduce sections of their novels at least twice during the semester for analysis and discussion by all class members.

Anyone wishing to enroll should submit a one-page synopsis and one chapter of the proposed work (ten to twenty pages, typed, double-spaced) to Professor Les Boston, Department of English, in Humanities 121, by January 16. Please give full address and telephone number. Those accepted will be notified in sufficient time to enroll.

Also available, perhaps of interest to the more adventurous writers, is the opportunity to earn class credits for research, creative writing, and editing and publishing projects by enrolling in English 85, an independent studies course.

Olivier's 'Hamlet' Screens at VC

By LISA RECHETNIK
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

"Hamlet," an impressionistic film peppered with a ghost, several murders, two unintentional suicides, hints of Oedipal love, and starring Sir Laurence Olivier, will screen twice in Monarch Hall Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

The impetus of the story occurs when the ghost of Hamlet's father tells Hamlet that he was murdered by his brother Claudius, who then married Gertrude, his widow—Hamlet's mom. Hamlet then goes mad, perhaps large-



DRESS REHEARSAL (L-R) Michael Francis, Jean Zimmerman, Cameron Campbell, and Julie Winsen practice their lines for the upcoming play "After Magritte," which will open soon at Valley College.

Star Photo by David Krushell

Steven Spielberg Brings UFOs To Earth in 'Close Encounters'

By STEVE BARNETT
Staff Writer

Director Steven Spielberg has created a film about the single most important event in the history of mankind. The event has yet to take place. The film is "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," and it dramatizes man's first willing contact with alien beings from another world.

The task has been attempted before, but never with such dazzling style and brilliant technical achievement. "Close Encounters" succeeds in relating a concept of truly galactic proportions to a human level we can all understand.

Spielberg tells his story from a human level using an every-man from Muncie, Indiana. Richard Dreyfuss plays a lineman who, after a "close encounter" with a U.F.O., is caught up in events beyond his comprehension. Along with Melinda Dillon, he is driven to understand, to find the answer.

The U.F.O.s near Muncie are but a few of a growing number of phenomena around the world being monitored by a mysterious international organization headed by a French scientist played by Francois Truffant. They, along with Dreyfuss and Dillon, prepare to welcome the alien beings.

"Close Encounters" is marked by an optimism never before present in films of this subject. Spielberg presents mankind not as afraid, but ready to meet the new neighbors from across

space.

With all its human qualities, it is an ambitious film that will stimulate careful thought and offer a new perspective of our universe.

Spielberg uses Guffey and Dreyfuss' childlike quality to express his belief that it is the children and the children in all of us who will first accept the alien beings.

The special and technical effects are handled by masters. Cinematographer Vilmos Zsigmond, production designer Joe Alves, and special effects man Douglass Trumbull have succeeded brilliantly in bringing alien spacecraft to earth.

Spielberg has carefully blended these technical achievements with reverence, humor, and an intense, fast moving pace that makes one forgive the few flaws and forget where the time has gone.

The climax of the motion picture is awesome in its spectacle and concept and will leave us all thinking about "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" for a long time to come.



HOLD STILL—Alan Deane, one of the performers in "Here I am, Ready or not," goes through the ordeal having his make-up on prior to the dress performance.

Star Photo by David Krushell

Fine Arts Happenings

"After Magritte"

"After Magritte," a one-act comic-farce written by Tom Stoppard will be presented today by the Lab Theater in Theater Arts 101 at 11 a.m. and again at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Guitar Concert

Lowell Crystal will play today at 11 a.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

"Here We Come, Ready Or Not"

"Here We Come, Ready or Not," an original musical review for children of all ages will play on Dec. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11. Friday performances will be at 7:30 p.m., Saturday's will be at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Sunday shows will be 7:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Admission for adults is \$1.50, 17-year-olds, \$1.00 and children under 14 will be admitted for 50 cents. Special group rates are available. For information call Professor Peter Mauk at 781-1200 Ext. 352.

COTA Symphony Orchestra

The COTA Symphony Concert Orchestra, directed by Ted Lynn, will give a concert in Monarch Hall Sunday Dec. 4, at 8:30 p.m. An original composition by Ted Lynn, Associate Professor of Music, will be performed. John Hyer and Gary Bachlund will be soloists.

Folk Dance

The International Rendezvous Folk Dance Club will stage a Fall Folk Dance Party on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 8 p.m. to midnight featuring the NAMA Orchestra at the Los Angeles Valley College Field House, 5800 Ethel, Van Nuys. The \$1.50 admission price includes refreshments. Also the Almas Arabic Folk Ensemble will perform dances and music of Arabic culture.

Book Store Hours

The Book Store in the Campus Center is open to students and the community from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. It closes at 3:45 on Fridays and is not open on weekends.

CLUB NEWS

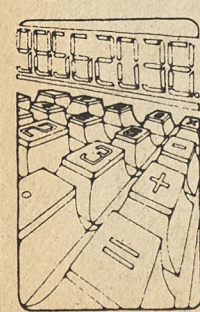
Recognized clubs on Valley's campus are invited to include their club activities, on or off campus but restricted to the general locale, in the Valley Star.

Club news should be left in the club editor's box, located in BJ114, by 2 p.m. on Monday for the following Thursday.

Club news may be turned in at noon on Tuesday only if the information was received at an 11 a.m. Tuesday club meeting.

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A.S. Council Pres. Donohue Charged With Misconduct

Charges of disgracing Valley College while intoxicated were leveled against A.S. President John Donohue during an executive session at last Tuesday's meeting, according to information leaked by several council members.

The accusations were voiced by Sheri Kalivoda, A.S. treasurer who was among the five member A.S. caucus committee representing Valley at the California Community College Student Government Association (CCCSGA) convention held Nov. 20-22, in Orange County.

The council held the secret session for about 30 minutes while they discussed the allegations. In his defense Donohue is reported to have stated that following a meeting of a scholarship committee that he attended at Valley, he drove back to the

convention and was greeted with contempt by members of the delegation. He is said to have admitted having two drinks following his return to the convention, but denied being intoxicated.

No further action is expected to be taken by any council members. Some felt that the session was merely a vehicle for Kalivoda to air her grievances before the entire council.

During the regular meeting Deborah Calkins, commissioner of fine arts questioned the validity of even having

a fine arts commissioner next semester since co-curricular funding has resulted in their account being depleted to almost nothing.

Donohue added that several other council positions are seriously in danger of becoming virtually penniless due to the takeover. Most notably the commissioner of Women's Athletics and possibly Men's Athletics. The functions of these organizations in the past has been to fund the banquets and supplement the athletic teams' funds when necessary.

Thurston...

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college is "a constant source of pleasure and enrichment for them."

Thurston also told the trustees of programs at Valley that need the board's support. "A Phase II District-wide innovation fund is needed to continue exemplary instructional and student personnel projects begun with seed money from the district or other grants," explained Thurston.

"For example," she continued, "our promising of a Chemistry Skills Center, which was begun with a district grant, was discontinued for lack of funds. Also, the instructor/adviser project is in jeopardy for the same reason," stated Dr. Thurston.

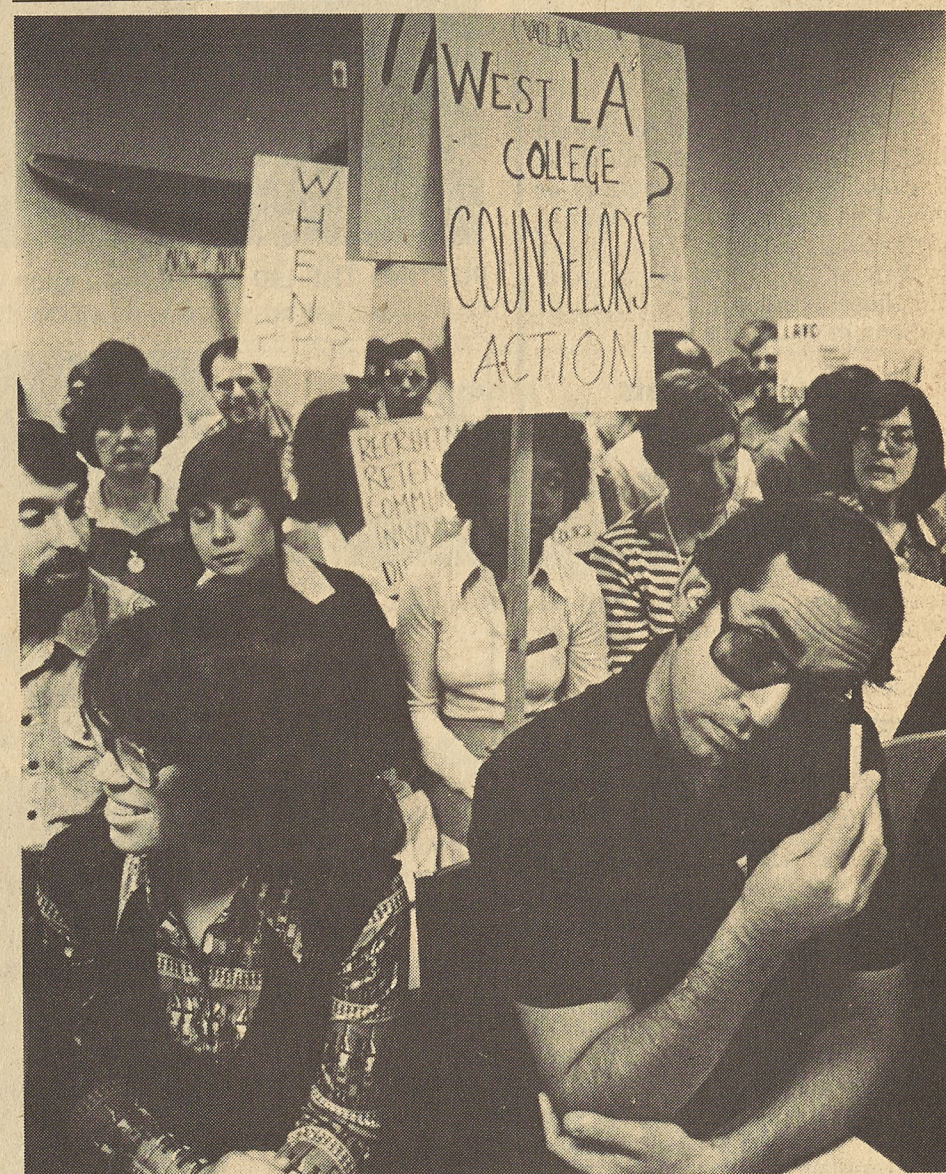
Throughout the latter part of her speech, Thurston spoke mainly of the Master Plan, which is the long-range budget for the school which is drawn up by the administration and then presented to the board for their approval.

"More support is needed both for the instructional programs and for program services," said Thurston. "Master planning becomes a discouraging process unless some creative expansion activities can be carried out. New equipment is needed to keep up with the state of the arts."

Thurston went on to explain that the broadcasting, commercial art, and photojournalism departments have expressed to her that their students should be working in color, but Valley's current capabilities are for only black and white.

Thurston also complained that instructional facilities need to be upgraded. Since classrooms

Thurston also complained that instructional facilities need to be upgraded. Since classrooms were built in the '50's, she explained, they were constructed to hold about 10,000 students.



DISGRUNTLED—AFT Members from various colleges throughout the district wait for their representatives to state their case in regard to their proposed pay raise.
Star Photo by Harry Fisher

AFT Negotiations...

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and the AFT could have been reached by then.

Once inside, members from the AFT, who had participated in the march, proudly displayed their signs, and supported Mulrooney's suggestions to the board with loud applause and cheering.

"If both of us would have a completed contract to present for ratification prior to the start of recess, we wouldn't have a birthday present for

Arnold (Fletcher), but we would have a holiday gift for everyone," Mulrooney stated.

Board President Arthur Bronson, in response to Mulrooney's suggestions, commented that he too regretted that Arnold (Fletcher) does not have his birthday present. "When we continue negotiations, all you have to do is tell your designated representative that you would sign off the rest of the items, and we will finish this thing right here," dead-panned Bronson.



THE ACCUSER—A.S. Treasurer Sheri Kalivoda calls for A.S. Council to go into executive session. It was later learned that Kalivoda accused A.S. President John Donohue of disgracing Valley College at a recent student conference.
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Paid I.D. Voting Requirement Pending Student Referendum

Students will finally be given the opportunity to change, by way of a constitutional amendment, the stipulation requiring only paid ID students to vote in student body elections. A revised A.S. Constitution will be put before the student populace for approval in next week's elections to determine whether the amendment is ratified.

That, along with a slimming down of

the council positions are the main revisions the constitution committee recommended to the A.S. council at last Tuesday's meeting, which the council approved. The changes must now be ratified by a simple majority of the students voting next week.

Should the constitution be adopted the commissioners of Black, Chicano, and Jewish Studies will be replaced with one Commissioner of ethnic studies. The commissioner of records would also be abolished and replaced with a historian, who would be a non-voting member.

The commissioner of campus improvements would be consolidated with the commissioner of handicapped awareness to form another new post.

Voting for this and next semester's A.S. officers will be held next Monday through Wednesday at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6-9 in the evenings. With voting from 9 a.m. to noon on the final day.

Daytime polling places are located near the arcade satellite, the flagpole, and next to the Life Sciences Building. Evening polling will take place near the Snack Bar by the Bungalows.

Standards

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students aren't required to take the placement test, they don't, despite the fact that the results would be helpful to them in program planning.

English professors report that they lose two to four weeks of instruction trying to shift students into appropriate courses after their needs are identified during the course of beginning classroom instruction.

To prevent these problems the committee has recommended that placement testing become mandatory again. They have also recommended that counseling become mandatory for entering and attending students who are enrolled in eight units or more.

"Our committee believes that failure to require placement exams and counseling, to a certain extent, programs the students for failure," said Villa.

Presently, she added, some students enroll in classes they are not capable of achieving success in.

Villa emphasized that more effort should be made to test and place students for realistic expectations.

She said that students whose problems stand out in placement exams could possibly be helped by proper counseling.

Student Representative

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secretary to the governor, "the student at the local level can still influence any board through the student voice. If the argument is strong, it is as good as a vote."

In addition to privileges the student does share with other board members, he is also fully reimbursed for all expenses, including transportation.

While the bill was originally designed to allow any interested student to apply for the positions, the final form left the selection up to whatever guidelines the local district wished to

set. In Area IV the Board elected to choose entirely from among student government personnel. According to Donohue, this practice is likely to be continued, "making it difficult," he says, "for the student-at-large to be nominated."

Requirements for all representatives stipulated in the bill are that the student be enrolled in a community college either full- or part-time, and be in good standing with the college. They must serve the full year term and, says Donohue, be well-versed in student feelings.

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Clubs

Psych Club Speaker

The Psychology Club will present professional hypnotist Sherry Freedman at 11 a.m. in BSc 106. She will discuss hypnosis as a therapeutic technique.

Hockey Club

The Valley Monarchs Hockey Booster Club presents the first annual broom hockey game on skates. Bring your friends, family, cats, dogs, mooses, etc., for a night of merriment and rowdiness, music and refreshments. Skating lessons will be provided by The Monarch hockey team, \$3 per person at the door and \$5 per couple. It will be at midnight, Friday, Dec. 9 at the Laurel Plaza Ice Capades Chalet.

Sailing Club

The Sailing Club will be having their first club event this Sunday at Marina Del Rey. All members or interested students are welcome to participate. Please call Steve Everett at 789-7573 or leave name and phone number in Gary Hytners mailbox in the Men's Gym.

Spirit Club Meets

There will be a Spirit Club Meeting Nov. 7 at 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in Campus Center 208.

Christian Fellowship

Tuesday, Dec. 6 guest speaker Steve Barker will be sharing on "What a Christian really is." All are invited to attend at 11 a.m., in Physics 104.

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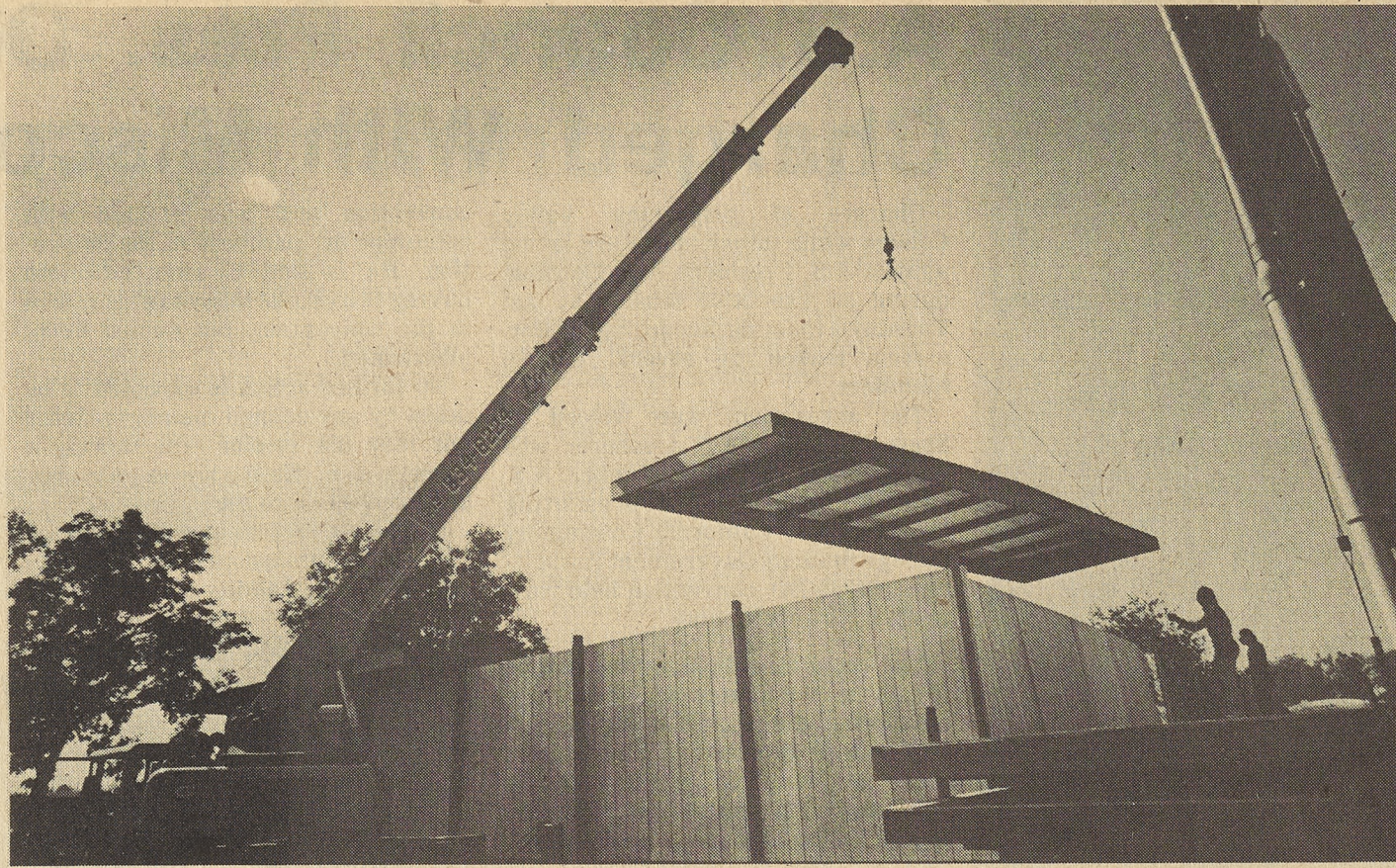
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PUTTING THE LID ON—Construction continues on the Child Care Center which is doubling its size in order to accommodate more young students.

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Club Advisers Meet To Revise Guidelines

In a meeting last week to revise the guidelines for appropriate activities of religious clubs on campus, it was decided that most of the current policies should be retained, with minor changes in the areas of distribution of literature.

The meeting, attended by the advisers of the religious clubs, was prompted by the formation of two new clubs, including the Latter-Day-Saints, and the Atheist Humanist Society (Athusoc).

"We wanted to straighten matters out before problems arose," stated June Harwood, coordinator of student affairs, and organizer of the meeting. "We have had problems in the past with off-campus groups that come on campus to pass out literature, but they must come through the office of student affairs so we may determine the time, place, and manner of distribution."

The revision of the rules, Harwood said, was to enable the clubs to "... operate as openly and constructively as possible without infringing on any

other group."

The changes in the guidelines for appropriate activities included the deletion of the part of the rule that states that a religious club may not pass out literature which by implication derogates another religion or faith. Now it is illegal to hand out literature which expressly condemns another faith.

As well, the distribution of literature should be limited to Free Speech areas A and B, and in the old quad area only from 11 a.m. to noon.

The committee also requested that religious speakers follow the same guidelines as those which apply to all other speakers on campus.

"This is the first in a series of ongoing meetings to allow communication to take place, so each club can work for the good of all," Harwood said.

Further suggestions for changes in the guidelines should be put in writing and referred to Harwood. They will be compiled and then discussed at the next meeting of the committee.

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